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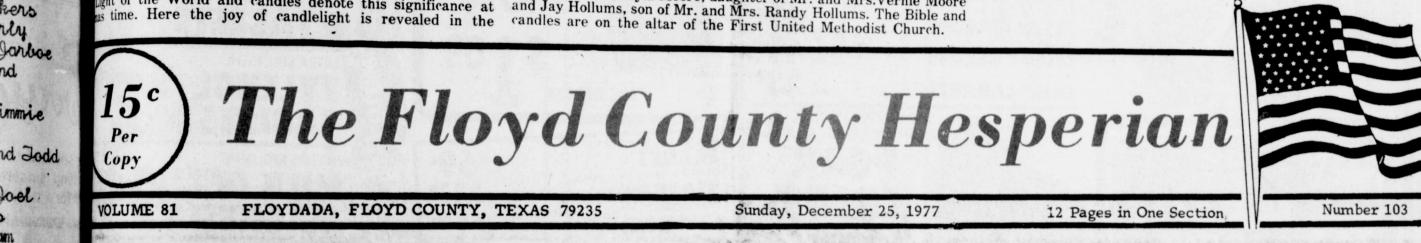
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Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding * that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified & that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them * that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses * that the true spirit of this Christmas Seasonits joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faithmay live among us & that the blessings of peace be ours the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

OUR BEST WISHES to you and yours for a joyful and blessed Holiday Season: The Wendell Tooleys, Tom Burns, Peggy Medley, Sharron Huggins, Doug Simpson, Leanne Ferguson, Yolanda Trevino, Jan Thompson, Kelli Turner, Joe Covington, and Alex Torrez.



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Mrs. Grace Glasscock of Hale

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Floydada Is A Good Place **To Make A Home**

when Floydada and Lockney play football? They answered very diplomatically, "Well, it's a hard decision since we have friends and relatives on both sides. We usually visit back and forth," Lanny answered.

After Lanny and Ann were married in 1971, they moved to the Lone Star Community north of Lockney to begin farming. "We lived there about three years before we moved on to the Providence community. From there we moved back to Floydada in January of this year. We moved back to Floydada mostly because of the better opportunities for farming. It's a nice size town and is growing and friendly. We feel like Floydada seems to take great concern over tearing down old buildings and remodeling businesses. They seem very interested in keeping the town looking neat. I've noticed when a house burns, they clean it up immediately. New businesses go in where old ones were. Also there is quite a variety of businesses here so there is no real need to drive a long distance to transact your business." "Of course, it's always hard moving

from one community to the other such as our last move, since many of our friends are in Lockney, but we're getting used to living here and appreciate the friendly people. It certainly makes a move easier."

Mary McPherson Seeks Re-Election

District Clerk Mary McPherson this week announced her candidacy for re-election subject the May Democratic Primary. She has served in this office some 30 years.

In her announcement statement she said,

"TO THE VOTERS OF FLOYD COUNTY:

This is to announce my candidacy for reelection to the office of District Clerk. I sincerely appreciate the generous support you have given me in the past, and if you see fit to reelect me, I will continue to perform the duties of

Caprock Chat

JOYCE STEWART was one of the most loyal Whirlwind fans in town. She thoroughly enjoyed football...especially the Whirlwinds and the Dallas Cow-

boys. She was for Floydada progress, she operated a successful business here, and was loved by many people of this community.

Joyce was a hard worker. I realized this the first week I took over the Hesperian as I observed her working in the composition department. She continued to be a hard worker as she developed the Stewart Printing business...many nights when I would go home, I knew Joyce was still at work as I saw her car parked in front of the

business. The last extended conversation I had with Joyce revealed her love for people...especially those in need. She was most concerned that a Love Fund be established for Debbie and Larry Guffee.

No telling how many printing jobs through the years she took "at the last minute" in order to please her customers. She wanted to be of service. Today, we join the many who will

miss Joyce, we know the good Lord will comfort and bless Joyce's family at this time of sorrow.

"DOES BILL know what caused his fainting spell?"

"He says his son asked for the keys to the garage and came out with the lawnmover."

MY VOTE FOR the most beautiful Christmas window in Floydada goes to Southwestern Public Service.

OF COURSE you all know Christmas comes on Sunday this year. The First Baptist and First Methodist churches are scheduling one service at 10 a.m....no Sunday School.

understand services will be cas-...come in your pajamas and robe if ual. you like.

the office to the best of my ability. Respectfully, Mary L. McPherson"



MARY MCPHERSON

No Post Office Box Service Sunday

According to a statement by Postmaster Ed Wester there will be no mail according to Wester. put in boxes Sunday, Christmas Day.

Healthy Postal Workers Amass

Thousands Of Sick Leave Hours

Three Floydada postal workers have accumulated 6,810 sick leave hours according to a report from Postmaster Ed Wester.

Wester said, "It takes 20 years of service to save 2,000 sick leave hours...so this means good health and dedication to achieve this ... Congratulations to Randy Gafford, Kyle Glover and Doyle Turner and may good health continue for all three."

Turner has 26 years of service and has served in every position except rural carrier, including assistant Postmaster a few years ago when the assistant postmaster title was dropped. His present title is Superintendent of Postal Operations. He has logged 2,159 sick leave hours.

Gafford has 32 years of postal

Although the Post Office will be closed

Monday, there will be box service,

except city carrier and Postmaster. His transfer from assistant postmaster to rural carrier came on Septembe 10, 1965. He serves route 1 which includes Starkey McCoy, Harmony and Blanco

now has 2,016 sick leave hours.

service, 19 years, eight months as

Postmaster at Turkey, Texas. He was

rural carrier seven years before his

route was consolidated with the Quita-

que route. He has been in Floydada

almost five years as rural carrier, route

with the McAdoo area, that covers the

communities of Wake, Broadway and

Mt. Blanco. He has accumulated 2,635

Glover has 36 years of service which

includes about three years of military.

He was assistant Postmaster when he

transferred to route 1, 12 years ago. He

Glover has served every position

hours of sick leave.

This route has been consolidated

communities. Wester said that the sick leave hours will apply to some extent on retirement.

It should be noted that years of military service are included in postal worker years of service.



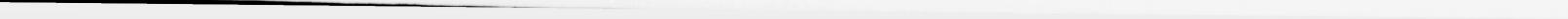
THE MAIL GOES THROUGH COME ... or high water. There hasn't been much high water lately, but these postal employees have an amazing record of staying on the job. (I to r) Doyle Turner, Randy Gafford and Kyle Glover.











SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1977 reverenceserences

Frances Harrell, Claude Weathersbee Exchange Wedding Vows

The First Baptist Church in Floydada, was the setting on Sunday, December 11, for the wedding of Mrs. Frances Juanita Harrell of Lubbock, formerly of Hall County, and Claude Weathersbee of Floydada. Mrs. Jim Copeland of An-

ton, and Miss Roijon Adams of Floydada, nieces of the bride, played the pre-nuptial music. Mr. and Mrs. George Finley of Floydada, daughter and son-in-law of the bride sang the "Wedding Song" and Tommy and Coleta Weathersbee, son and daughter-in-law and Leigh Ann and Richard Evans of Loop, daughter and son-inlaw of the bridegroom, sang "Saviour Like A Shepherd."

Reverend Floyd Bradley, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Floydada, read the double ring ceremony before an altar covered with white satin and backed with candelabra holding votive candles entwined with greenery and pink satin streamers. **Baskets** of moraan and pink Gladioli flanked the arrangement.

The bride wore a formal pink chiffon wedding gown fashioned with a model bodice and tiered skirt. She wore for something old, an old Wedding Band which belonged to her mother, the late Mrs. W.B. Gilreath, and a blue garter which belong-

ed to her daughter, Mrs. George Finley, her dress was new and she wore a borrowed slip. She carried a nosegay bouquet of pink and maroon carnations and baby's breath tied with pink and maroon streamers.

Hirk Roberts of Lubbock, Boon Adams of Floydada, and James True of floydada, brother in law of the bride and groom, were ushers.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall. The bride's table was covered with white silk Organza and net cloth and appointed Crystal. Miss Nolene Bullington of Irving, presided at the Bride's book, Mrs. Kay Bivens and Mrs. Lynn Brown nieces of the Groom, served punch.

For her going away costume the bride selected a Mauve colored velvetten pant suit. The couple left immediately after the reception for a honeymoon trip to Hawaii.

After their wedding trip to Hawaii Mr. and Mrs. Weathersbee will be at their home in Floydada, 821 West Cedar.

SELF BASTING TURKEYS

Self-basting turkeys are a convenient holiday cooking idea that does away with the time-involved task of bast-





Reid Home Scene Of Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Carrick Snodgrass and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reid, Joe and Donna Reid entertained with an open house on December 18 in the Reid Home.

Approximately 125 guests enjoyed the hospitality and

ing, and they are available as whole birds or as turkey

breast. Basting's purpose is to produce a more moist, tender bird when the dry-roast (uncovered) cooking method is used. Self-basting birds are injected with basting products that account for up to three percent of the bird's total weight.

refreshments of coffee, wassil, assorted breads, nuts,

and candy. Members of the house paty included Jayme Lewellen, Lori Vinson, Doris Mc-Lain, Mrs. Jerrold Vinson, Edith Marrs, and Mrs. Everett Miller.

Rebekah Lodge

Meets

Floydada Rebekah Lodge met in regular session Tuesday evening with Jewel Reeves presiding as Noble Grand and Wanda O'Neill as Vice Grand, at the lodge hall

NEWS 'N' NOTES Blest by such a glad re-In each home, the families union, Christmas spirit, we have

gather Round the fragrant Christmas tree

And with every gift they Laughter echoes merrily.

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-D.A. Hoover

Flourishes in any setting

Where true love and faith

Vicki Allen Hosts Alpha Mu Delta

Ann Collins.

The Alpha Mu Delta The Program was given chapter of Beta Sigma Phi by Kay Powell. The theme met Tuesday December 20, at the home of Vicki Allen, Vice-president Donna Henderson presided over the short business meeting.

Kay Powell reported for the Social Committee. The January Social will be in celebration of this chapter's anniversary.

Vicki Allen discussed Girl's Town, asking for more items to donate.

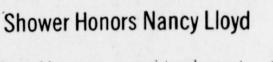
Christmas door decorations were taken to the Rest Home by Vicki Allen and Lu

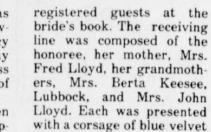
The Al Howard home was the site for the bridal shower honoring Miss Nancy Charmaine Lloyd, Saturday morning, December 17. Miss Lloyd is the bride-elect of David Barker, Floydada.

Shower Honors Recent Bride

was "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Clause." A reading was presented by Kay Pow ell with Vicki as Virginia. Pledge ritual was held for Pat Cates. Refreshments of cake and egg nog were served to

Donna Henderson, Kay Powell, Jo Ann Patterson, Vicki Allen, Pat Cates, Brenda Leonard, Daphna Simpson, Diana Gross, Julie Hickerson and Vicki Latta.





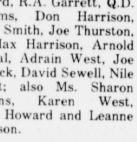
The hostesses' gift consisted of her chosen pattern

of stainless flatware. Co-hostesses for the courtesy include Mmes. Al Howard, R.A. Garrett, Q.D. Williams, Don Harrison, Flukie Smith, Joe Thurston, Joe Max Harrison, Arnold Ratheal, Adrain West, Joe Womack, David Sewell, Nile Bryant; also Ms. Sharon Huggins, Karen West, Kathy Howard and Leanne Ferguson.

nuts and mints. The serving table cloth was white lace over mint green. The centerpiece was a potted plant, consisting of daisies and a

Thomason Grocery's first annual Christmas party was held last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Vernon in Lockney. Dinner preceded visiting, and games. exchanging of gifts. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon





Thomason Employees Christer

green bow set in a straw hat, for the bride to enjoy in the

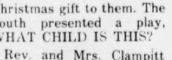
Tina Sparkman assisted in displaying the gifts. Hostess gift was a toaster oven. Hostesses were Pat Adams, Gene Sparkman, Violet Cooper, Peggy Wiley, JoAnn Duvall, Jontha Lee Mercer, Ann Ford, Peggy Nance, Marjorie Ferguson, Sue Prater, Rubye Terrell, Marjorie Rexrode, Ethelyn Vernon, Pat Frizzell, Vida Hrbacek, Sandy Watson,

Victory Baptist Celebrates Christmas

Christmas gift to them. The youth presented a play, WHAT CHILD IS THIS? Rev. and Mrs. Clampitt

presented each person present with a gift and the group sang Christmas carols

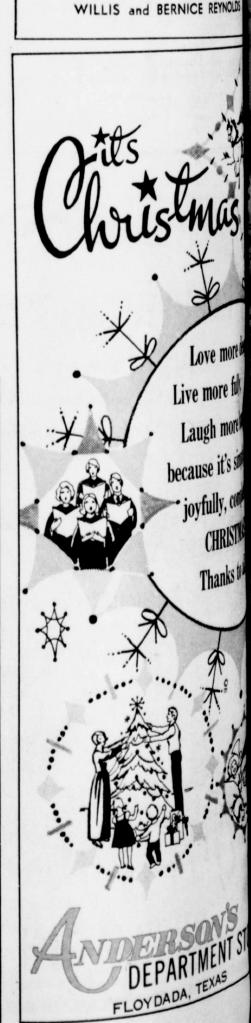
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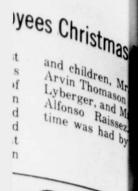
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rry Christmas To You

Here's hoping your Christmas is a perfect picture of happiness and contentment. We're ever grateful for your patronage.





LLS ring out a me nd joy and glad Ch Our special thanks. **Prive-In Theater** by & DeeDee ISTMAS NIGHT



F BOBBY WELBORN receives \$100 Frank Barrow of The First National (Staff Photo)



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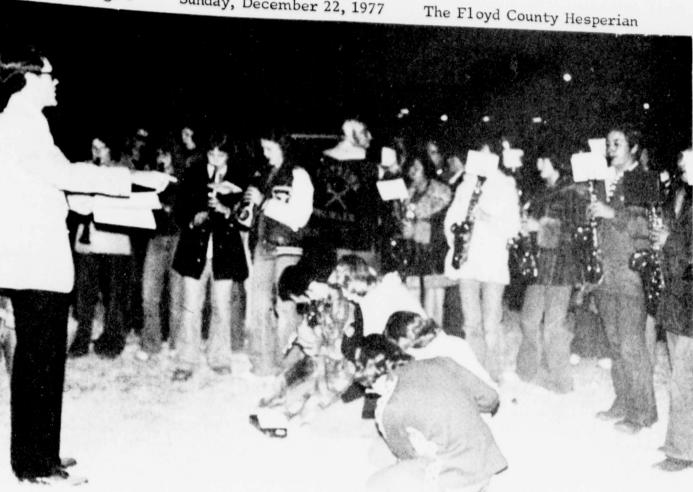
Has slowed a bit from early days But still she likes some fun!

Mrs. Clara Murry Whose years are eighty six... Still has a twinkle in her eye And keeps her "bag of

triks.' ****

Mrs. Jones we greet today .. Her friends all call her

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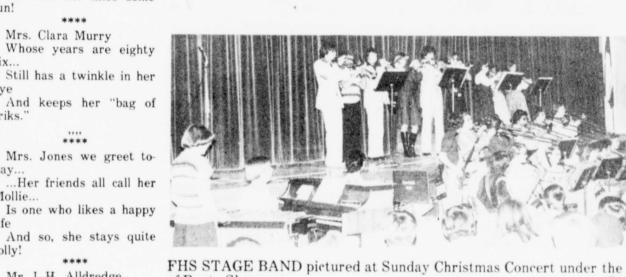
NO...THE BAND STUDENTS are not bowing to director Rusty Sherman, they are just trying to read their music in the semi-darkness at the lighting of the Christmas tree on the courthouse square. About (Staff Photo)

FLOYDADA **Rest Home Birthday Party**

December is a happy month .. With Santa Claus and 'things" ... Among the gifts we find that he A lot of birthdays brings! Our sweet and kind "aunt

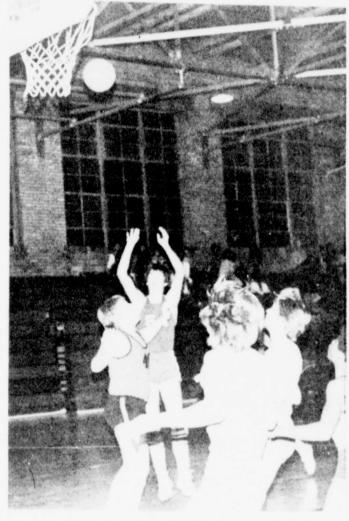
Who counts from 1901 ...







ADMINISTRATOR of the Floyd County Day Care Center Betty Fuller receives \$500 check from Tom Farris of The First National Bank. (Staff Photo)



FLOYDADA'S MARK NUTT ... fires a shot from the right-hand side in second quarter of Floydada Rotary Jr. High basketball championship game Saturday night. Carlos Rainwater and Norman Allen are pictured in background. (Staff Photo)



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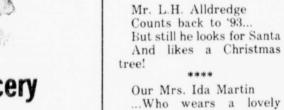
laprock Cash Grocery FLOYDADA, TEXAS

LIDAY GREETINGS!

Greeting our friends, old and new, and

wishing you Happiness and Joy at

Christmas. Our hearty thanks to all!



Mollie ...

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smile .. "Keeps up" by reading all the news And is cheerful all the

FHS STAGE BAND pictured at Sunday Christmas Concert under the direction of Rusty Sherman. (Staff Photo)



BIRTHDAY HONOREES at Floydada Nursing Home (| to r standing(Clara Murry, Mollie Jones. (I to r sitting(Mamie Daniel, Vernie McNeill and Albert (Staff Photo) Martin.

while. ****

Our Mrs Mamie Daniels Still loves to be "up date" ... She does her face, her hair and nails And dresses in whats 'late."

**** We welcome Mr. Martin Who has joined the "family" here ...

We wish him HAPPY BIRTHDAY And another one NEXT year!

It wouldn't be a party Without the birthday song .. To greet these lovely

people And help them on and on!

After the Hesperian photographer finished with

the "picture taking" honorees and guests were ushered into the dining room for the monthly birthday party hosted by ladies of the City Park Church of Christ. The "honor" table was laid with a white cloth and centered with a beautiful arrangement of silk roses. Places odist Church Tuesday, Decwere marked with individual birthday cards. We are very ember 27. sorry two of the honorees,

Mrs. Ida Martin and Mr. Alldredge, were unable to attend. We extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Martin on the death of her son. The poem was read and all joined in singing the "birthday" song. A beautifully decorated, and delicious, cake was served with a delightfully tangy fruit punch, to the honorees, residents of the home, guests and employees. The next party will be Thursday, January 19, 1978, 2:30 p.m. You are invited to attend.

and Susie Sanchez.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Day out" baby sitting service at the Floydada Meth-

There will be no "Mother's

Medal with First Oak Leaf MR. BURGER WINNERS ANNOUNCED Cluster.

They were awarded to Last week's winners at Mr. Burger were Shannon him for outstanding service Barbee, Hope Robertson, done while working with the Travis Jones and David Intelligence and Security Cochran. This week's win- division of the 13th Aviation Lattalion at Fort Hood, ners are Rusty Rainey, Keith Marricle, Bob Jones Texas.

Sgt. Franklin

Jones Receives

Commendation

Sergeant First Class

Franklin D.R. Jones, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Jones of

Floydada, has recently been

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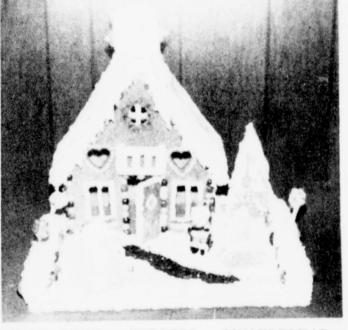
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CHAR-LEE'S CREATES GINGERBREAD MASTERPIECE...Char-Lee's, of 315 South 2nd, in CREATES GINGERBREAD Floydada, recently created this gingerbread house decoration piece, just in time for Christmas.



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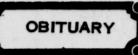
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and share the precious gift of His love. Deep appreciation. Carmen's Beauty Salon

CARMEN DODSON-OWNER

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Joyce Stewart

Funeral services for Joyce Laura Stewart, 45, were held Friday afternoon in the First Baptist Church of Floydada with Dr. Floyd Bradley officiating.

Interment was in the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Joyce died unexpectedly in the Caprock Hospital about 8:10 p.m. Wednesday, December 21.

She was born August 25, 1932 in Floydada. She worked in the composition department of the Floyd County Hesperian after graduation from Floydada High School. Later she leased the job printing department and after two years purchased the business, naming it Stewart Printing Company and locating it on the west side

of the square. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1977 and Della Ann Jackson of Grain Glut to be Top Item

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. Lula Stewart; a brother L.B. Stewart, and a sister Jimmy Lou, all of Floydada; two sisters; Ruth Lloyd of Dallas and Mrs. Dale (Carolyn) Smith of Bayfield, Colorado.

Pall Bearers were: Gary Pate, Leon Williams, Keith Marricle, Bill Feuerbacher, Vernon Parker and Harold Huggins.

Mrs. Vick

Mrs. Arizona Vick, 83, of Floydada died at 9:10 a.m. Wednesday in the Lockney Nursing Home after a leng-thy illness. The body is being transfered by Moore-Rose Funeral Home to Harrison, Ark. where burial will be in the Belafont Cemetery. Mrs. Vick was born in Fair Creek, Ark. and moved to

Floydada from Harrison, Ark. five years ago. . She is survived by three

sons, Harlie of Floydada, Harvey of Harrison, Ark. and McKinley of Bertman, Ark ; two daughters, Ewen- each I love you bell Mitchell of Kentucky

California.

Molly

Hightower

Mrs. Havah (Molly) Hightower, a long-time Lockney resident, died Friday morning in an Amarillo nursing home. Services were pending with Moore-Rose Funeof Agriculture officials. ral Home, Lockney, at press

Brown said recently he will encourage the USDA to "take the strongest possible stand to insure the economic interests of the American farmer" when meetings get underway later this year in London to formulate an international wheat agreement. It is hoped a program to

ease the impact of low prices when supply is abundant among the major grain producing countries can be reached. The international meetings are scheduled in late September or early October.

The wheat situation in





CELEBRATING a rousing Bears vieture right) Jaime O. Escobedo, David Stanla Barnes, coach William Devane, Jimmy Baio and Jackie Earle Haleyin Pictures' "The Bad News Bears in Training." Showing Sunday at the n



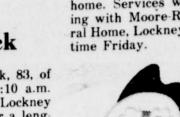
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This outstanding Career Agentia earned one of the highest life insurage honors awarded annually.

National Quality Award

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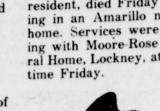
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SANTA LETTERS

Floydada Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a doll and a doll buggy I am 5 yrs old and bring my 1

yr old twin brothers a truck Jenny Shout,





Tax Rebates Up In Lockney And Floydada te Comptrol-

sales tax rebates for the year. City sales tax rebates for the city were up a whopping 31 percent.

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The local option sales tax is collected by local merchants and other sales tax permit holders and returned to the cities monthly by the Comptroller's office.

Tulia's net payment this period is \$18,304.09, net payment same period last year \$18,644.01, 1977 payments to date \$117,006.47, 1976 payments to date \$109, 505.08, up 25%. Dimmitt's net payment this period is \$17,765.93, net

41, down 1%; Hart \$2,586. 18, \$2,070.57, \$15,641.90, payment same period last \$17,603.72, down 11%; Nazyear \$20,592.56, 1977 to date areth \$1,520.80, \$1,781.52, \$137,506.51, 1976 to date

\$194,509.47, down 29% \$10,393.86, \$71,331.16, \$65, Other area communities: 922.89, up 8%; Lockney \$5, Happy \$1,884.37, \$2,214.36, 087.42, \$5,555.37, \$34,630. \$9,635.10, \$9,729.08, no 95, \$31,004.49, up 11%; change; Kress \$1,423,01, \$1,972.93, \$9,715.14, \$9,865. Canyon \$21,615.68, \$20,625. 26, \$150,047.44, \$129,865. 25, up 15%; Canadian \$18, 290.45, \$16,380.42, \$119, 826.51, \$113,003.33, up 6%; Muleshoe \$18,838.35, \$18, \$10,953.82, \$9,676.50, up 13%; Floydada \$9,976.17, 934.38, \$122,747.59, \$116, 942.62, up 4%; Memphis

\$11,807.49, \$11,335.05, \$77, 264.88, \$68,525.78, up 12%; Silverton \$3,582.56, \$3,800. 33, \$16,037.38, \$19,370.13, down 17%; Amarillo \$795, 057.75, \$771,180.57, \$5,687, 244.39, \$5,019,925.34, up 13%; Lubbock \$1,032,427. 47, \$906,902.90, \$6,829,700. 68, \$5,614,265.94, up 21%; Perryton \$52,378.98, \$49, 594.45, \$326,181.14, \$255,

878.64, up 27%; Plainview \$97,364.78, \$101,599.25, \$695,867.63, \$620,324.03, up 12%; Hereford \$54,971.86, \$53,782.65, \$372,705.99, \$345.628.86. up 7%: Borger \$78,770.43, \$82,333.65, \$528,454.21, \$479,274.48, up 10%; Pampa \$123,520.74, \$106,923.33, \$733,475.34, \$622,016.26, up 17%; Olton

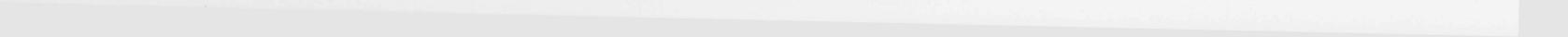
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Farmers Gotta Know The Cost Of Irrigation Before Decisions

Amarillo, Texas--"In 1978, producers must know their cost of pumping before rational decisions can be made about irrigation water use." "When cost of water is known, economic principles can be applied to help producers use water more efficiently."

These were the opening remarks of Dr. John Shipley, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Economist from Amarillo at the 32nd annual meeting of the Amencan reed Trade Associa tion in Chicago. He continued by stating that a lot of May 28 to mid-June. Early things affect cost of produc- maturity hybrids should be tion, but water cost is the most critical. His research at the North Plains Research tions, a long season hybrid Field at Etter shows that yielded over 8,000 pounds farmers with enough water per acre at Etter when

made with available water, sorghum is the best bet. The scientist continued by discussing his research on irrigating grain sorghum. Studies show that full season sorghum hybrids have maximum vield potential and must be planted prior to May 28. There was no advantage to planting a full season hybrid before May 13. Medium maturing hybrids should be planted from planted after June 15. Ship-

for four or more irrigations

can produce more grain by

growing corn. If only three

or less irrigations can be

pounds per acre when planted on June 10. According to the scientist, planting rate should be adjusted for the anticipated irrigation level. Under limited irrigation with one or two seasonal irrigations, 2 to

4 pounds of seed per acre is the best planting rate. With four irrigations there is no advantage of planting over 8 pounds of seed per acre. Shipley stated that highest yield response from water sorghum comes during ley said, "With four irriga the peak water use period

from boot and heading. Watering once or twice at this time is a must. Irrigations made before or after this time increase yield, but not as much, he pointed out.

> The scientist continued by describing another irrigation experiment on sorghum at Etter. The entire area received a 5-inch preplant irrigation. In addition, treatments received from one to four irrigations of 4 ches at optimum times. Preplant irrigation only yielded 2,100 pounds of sorghum grain per acre. Adding one irrigation at booting increased yield to 4,100 pounds per acre. Adding two, three and four irrigations resulted in yields of 5,400, 6,200, and 6,800 pounds per acre, respective-

mid-season hybrid planted

at the same time made about

7,000 pounds per acre. An

early maturing hybrid made

maximum yield of 6,000

From these results Dr. Shipley developed a yield response curve. Solving the equation for the curve told the researcher that maximum yield of sorghum would be achieved with 18 inches of summer irrigation water. Using the yield equation, Shipley developed an "optiequation" to deter mine the quantity of water to apply for maximum profit. Solving this equation showed that maximum profit per acre came with 14 inches of summer irrigation water, when water costs \$3.50 per acre inch and sorghum grain was selling for \$3.30 a hundred weight. From a practical standpoint four irrigations is the most profitable irrigation level. He hastened to point out that during sum-

these conditions growers planted on May 13." A mer months irrigation water should distribute limited is usually limited and 2 or water over more land to more crops are competing obtain maximum return per for available water. Under



cotton, wheat and feed grains an allotment system totally different from anything farmers have seen before, notes Donald one at tasseling to six spaced Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, throughout the growing Inc., Lubbock, "and it's going to be important that farmers gain season. Corn yielded 850 a clear understanding of the new system before making final pounds of grain per acre plans for 1978 crops."

Acreage allotments for the major crops have been based on gation at tasseling, yield historical plantings since farm programs began. But under the increased to 2,500 pounds new law each year's allotment will be determined by that year's per acre. The second, third planted acreage, independent of previous years.

Johnson explains that when price prospects for cotton appear to creased yield to 4,300 to be below the target price, the Secretary of Agriculture, not later than December 15, will announce how many acres can be expected to produce the needed U.S. cotton supply. That will be acre. known as the "National Program Acreage." The National Program Acreage figure will then be divided by the estimated to these data showed that U.S. cotton acreage for harvest that year to determine an maximum yield would be allotment "Allocation Factor." And that factor will be applied to 8,740 pounds of grain per each farm's planted acreage to arrive at the farm allotment.

As an example, assume (1) that the Secretary says 11.1 million developed an optimizing acres are needed to meet demands in 1978, and (2) that the equation and found that 24 acreage planted to cotton in the U.S. totals 12 million. The inches or 6 irrigations was National Program Acreage (11.1 million) divided by planted the most profitable amount acreage (12 million) gives a 92.5 percent Allocation Factor, and of water to apply per acre, each farm's cotton allotment would be 92.5 percent of its planted when corn was selling at \$2.10 per bushel, and water acreage. A farm having 100 acres planted would have an cost \$3.50 per ouslet, and water allotment and target price coverage on 92.5 acres.

Farmers can, however, assure themselves of target price tions applying the seventh coverage on all planted acreage. The Secretary will announce for or eighth irrigation would each year the desired reduction from the previous year's both waste water and replantings, called the "National Reduction Percentage." And the duce profit.

unit of water. Next, Shipley discussed

economics of irrigation corn. Peak water use occurs shortly after tasseling in early July and extends through the remainder of the month. "There is little chance of rainfall on the High Plains at that time so planning for ample irrigation is essential," Shipley said.

The scientist went on to describe a corn experiment at Etter in which all treatments were given a preplant irrigation of 5 inches. Seasonal irrigations varied from

with a preplant irrigation only. With an addition irriand fourth irrigations in-5,800 and 6,600 pounds per acre. Six irrigations jumped

sorghum and corn yield to these 4,100 and 2,500 pounds per tions acre. This trend continued gross through the third irrigation. and 2 With four irrigations, sorg. With hum produced 6,800 pounds situat per acre and corn yielded hum gn 6,600 pounds per acre. The acre and economist pointed out that corn mad increasing irrigations beyond four on sorghum did pointed not increase yield. However, cost of this was not the case in corn. essential

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Profit from a crop is business l determined by yield and mine which price. The December 1 cash and how a price was \$3.36 per hundred be irrigated weight for sorghum and

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farmer who reduces his prior year's plantings by that percentage ing "We have shown how to or more will not be subject to application of the allotment allocation factor.

The target price for cotton in 1978 will be 52 cents per pound. If "Now lets look at the situathe average price paid to all U.S. farmers for all cotton during the tion where water is less calendar year falls below 52 cents, each farmer will be entitled to available than land," he the per-pound difference, multiplied by the total payment yield continued. Irrigation should be planned for maximum on his allotted acres. Farm payment yields will be based on the return per unit of water. In three-year average of actual production, adjusted for abnormal order to do this he compared weather.

The Secretary has authority to declare a set-aside for any crop, ous numbers of irrigations as has already been done for wheat in 1978. For cotton the on corn and sorghum. Prestatutory maximum set-aside is 28 percent of planted acreage. It is anticipated that USDA will establish for each farm a normal cropland base or normal cropland acreage figure.

When a set-aside requirement is in effect for any program, eligibility for loans and payments will be conditioned on producers planting within their cropland base minus set-aside acreage.

Cropland bases are expected to include all acreage planted to "designated crops" in 1977. No official list of designated crops has been released, but one source, sometimes reliable, says designated crops will include all crops that the State ASCS Committees consider to be major in their states.

No firm regulations for the operation of set-aside programs have been issued, but it appears the cropland base will be the key.



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USMEF reported the U.S. trade deficit with Japan was \$8 billion. In order to lessen the trade-deficit, Japan is willing to increase its imports and there is no reason

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JOHN WALTERS of the local VFW presents \$25 Savings Bond to Clay Hamilton. Clay won the "Voice Of Democracy" essay contest and will advance to district competition later. (Staff Photo)





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THE MOLE AND THE UMI RELLA. 9 min. Color. 1973 McGraw-Hill. Pre-E1. With universal humor and quickly moving situations, Czech animator Zdenek Miler has created an entertaining, stimulating story of a mole who finds a new use for his umbrella with every predicament he encounters. NOISES IN THE NIGHT. 9 min. Color. 1969. EFA Educational Media. Pre-E1 Brown Offers Encouragement As Farmers Rally in Austin

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Sunday, December 25, 1977 The Floyd County Hesperian business by low prices,"

t business by low prices," Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown told an assembly of about a thousand farmers and ranchers who converged on the Capitol Sept. 20 to protest depressed market conditions.

Circling the Capitol Building with a convoy of roughly 70 farm vehicles, they were addressed by Brown, Gov. Dolph Briscoe and House Speaker Bill Clayton, among others.

"If the family farm goes down the drain – and it is perilously close to that at this time – the cost of living in this country will skyrocket beyond the limits of imagination," Brown told the orderly and attentive gathering. He added that the net profit position of Texas and American agricultural producers is "nothing short of tragic." "We must have a national

"We must have a national policy for food in this country, one that realizes the essentiality of agriculture and assigns it a high priority," Brown said. "It must not be one that changes every time we elect a new president."

Brown said that given a national policy that provides unimpeded access to domestic and export markets, farmers and ranchers can compete effectively and profitably in the free enterprise system.

Brown also noted that the very fact that farmers have banded together and publicly protested is a sure sign that the situation is critical.

"The farmers and ranchers in America, and especially in Texas, have long been a proud and self-sufficient group," Brown said. "When these people refuse to just sit back and let themselves be run out of business, you know something is very wrong."

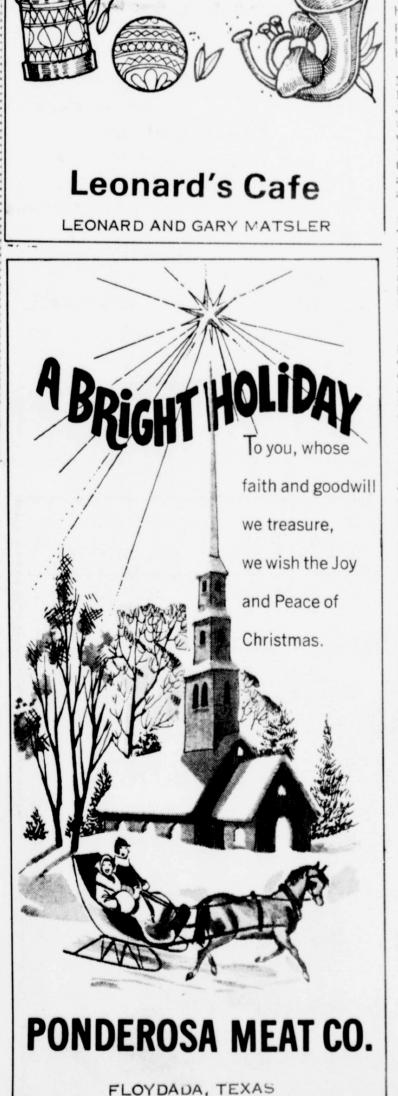
. Brown added that farmers are not only burdened by low prices for their products, but are angered that retail prices continue to accelerate while farm prices decline.

Following the rally on the Capitol steps, a group of farmers and ranchers met with Briscoe and Brown in the Governor's office. They voiced their concern over the need for more organized bargaining power and over the recently-announced national farm bill. Both Briscoe and Brown pledged their continuing support in making the voices of the state's farmers heard in Washington. The sentiments of many of the farmers were summed up by Milton Degner of Hillsboro, who said, "Something is very wrong when you farm 1,000 acres, have your wife and son working in the fields and still can't make any money." However, Degner said he feels a new class of farmer is coming on the agricultural scene today. "You'll find it's mostly the younger ones who are pushing for better prices," he said. "They're the ones who will have to live with the situation the longest."

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Sherri fears noises that she hears in the dark. Her parents help her understand that night noises are made by familiar things. PRIDE AND WORK-MANSHIP. 9 min. Color. 1975. Paramount-Oxford. JH A A short portrait of a master American carver of wooden carousel figures, salvatore Cerigliaro, sensitively reveals his pride in his artistry and his achievement

as an immigrant. RODEO. 20 min. Color. 1969. Phoenix Films. JH-A The film moves from jovial scenes at the beginning of a National Finals Rodeo to the intense slow motion battle between a rider and a mean Lrahma bull.

SHARKS. 22 min. Color. 1974. Macmillan. E1-A Explores the behavior of various types of sharks in an objective search for truth about one of the few species that will attack man. Lorne Green narrates.

THE SILENT PART-NER. 25 min. B&W. 1955. Eastin Phelan. All ages Features a touching plot accented with hilarious comedy sequences. Selma (Za Su Pitts) reunites Arthur Vail (Joe E. Brown), a film director, and his old friend from the silent days, Kelsy Dutton (Buster Keaton).

SNAKE RIVER. 25 min. Color. 1969. Northern Films. JH A Traces the Snake River from its source in Wyoming through Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Describes how it serves mankind by watering farmland, supplying fish, providing electric power, and affording recreation. Looks at the effect man has had on the river.

THE STEADFAST TIN SOLDIER. 13^{1/2} min. Color. 1955. Macmillan Films. Pre-E1 Adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's story of a one-legged tin soldier who falls in love with a paper dancer. The adventures of the soldier provide a captivating plot, and movement of toys and puppets is done ingeniously.

WHEN YOUR CLOTH-ING LURNS. 19 min. Color. 1976. National Fire Protection Association. E1-A All clothing will burn, but cautious behavior and use of flame retardant clothing will reduce the chances of starting a fire. Film shows what to do when clothing is on fire and high-probability fire situations around the home.



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